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TO : Chief, Materials Division

DATE: 3 September 1957

FROM : Chief, Solid Fuels Branch
Acting Chief, Electric Power Branch

SUBJECT: Combined Monthly Report for August 1957

1. Accomplishments

a. Supplied to Chief, Control Staff, through Chief, D/M, priority comint requirements, Project 00.1985, for Solid Fuels and Electric Power Branches.

b. Submitted to Chief, Planning and Review, through Chief D/M, M/S Branch requirements with respect to ECE Study Tour of Czechoslovakia.

c. Supplied Chief, D/M, suggestions on the leveling out of the annual NIS load on the Eusats sections of Branches in Materials Division, estimating number of months required for production of each; and appending as a basis for discussion with the other Branches in the Division, a projection of present review cycle of the projects already fixed in the schedule, including Division due dates, and time allotments.

d. Submitted to Chief, Analysis Division, through Chief, D/M, M/S Branch comments on Draft Paper, "Evolution of the Administrative Structure of Soviet Industry 1917-57." Although the Draft Paper was considered excellent as far as it went, it seemed desirable that more attention be paid to the previous lines of authority between the various levels of the regional and local councils of the Supreme Council of National Economy, if, as is alleged, the current reorganization is a reversion to this earlier pattern.

e. Furnished Chief, ST/I/R, through Chief, D/M, M/S Branch requirements, ST/I/R Notice No. 124. Covering Requirements for Hungarian Refugees.

f. Informed Chief, Materials Branch, of Polish Press Summary of July 29th. reporting the importation of 30,000 tons of United States Coking Coal to be made into coke by Poland and then shipped to East Germany, which confirmed earlier suggestion that such importation might be made, as reported in M/S Branch Comments to Chief, D/M in November 1956.

g. Supplied to Chief, D/M, M/S Branch comments on CIA/RR-6-15. The Soviet Arctic, that while in general the statements about coal were correct, there were a few specific items which might be improved. To this end it was suggested the Branch be consulted for more recent data if the report is to be rewritten.

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h. Submitted to ST/PB, through Chief, D/M, M/EP Branch Contribution to Project 30.1535, "Industrial Capital Investment in Communist China," for possible publication as a P.R. It was a re-do of the contribution previously submitted to Chief, Analysis Division.

i. Submitted to Chief, Planning and Review, through Chief, D/M, M/EP Branch requirements on Costs of Construction of Hydroelectric Plants in Soviet Bloc Countries.

j. M/EP Branch reviewed with Army Map Service, draft contribution, Project 20.1514, NIS Czechoslovakia, Sec. 62. Fuels and Power, and completed final adjustments therein.

k. Reviewed with Chief, D/M, the interest of M/EP Branch in the proposed exchange of Electric Power delegations with the USSR; and advised the Secretary IAC Committee on Exchanges, of the inconsistency in the minutes of the August 13th meeting of the committee.

l. Representatives of ONI conferred with M/EP Branch about some of the practical operating problems of guidance systems involving electric power transmission systems. The extent of present information on transmission lines in the USSR is being summarized within the Branch for further discussion.

2. Plans

a. Much time was devoted during the month in planning for the consolidation of M/S with M/P and M/EP.

3. Administration

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b. M/EP received from [REDACTED], file cards for use in Branch's new filing system now being installed. Cards will be returned to supplier for a corner cut before using.

OCI representative was briefed on operation of the card file system.

c. Availability of office space for the proposed consolidated M/S, M/P, and M/EP Branches was discussed with ST/A. Decision has not yet been received.

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d. [REDACTED], M/EP, was on emergency annual leave from 17 July thru 9 August.

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e. Retirement of [REDACTED], Manager M/EP Branch became effective 31 July 1957.

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f. [REDACTED] was transferred from M/S to M/EP, effective 19 August 1957.

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g. "Trial run" Career preference outlines were prepared for [REDACTED], M/S; and [REDACTED], M/EP.

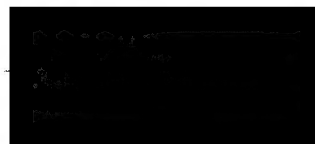
4. Problems

No comment.

5. Recommendations

None.

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